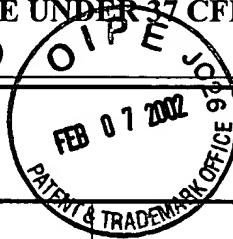


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of August 14, 2001 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: **December 14, 2001** Date _____ until: **January 14, 2002** Date _____

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

is enclosed.
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is \$200 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1945
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